



# CITY OF LODI

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Presentation of the September Community Improvement Award

MEETING DATE: September 1, 1999

PREPARED BY: Community Development Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the Mayor present Mohammad and Ishrat Khan with the Community Improvement Award for September 1999.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In 1997, Community Improvement was called out to 416 ½ Railroad Avenue on a report that the occupants of the property were living without utilities and that they had accumulated a great deal of garbage, junk and debris on the premises. Upon responding to the property, it was found that the tenants had spliced car batteries into the house wiring, since they had had their utilities shut off. It was also noted that the house was extremely dilapidated and that there were several inoperable cars, trucks and even a bus that were being stored on the property. After the posting of the property, it was noted that the tenants moved from the deteriorated dwelling into the bus located within the dwelling.

After getting the trouble tenants out of the property, the owner invested a great deal of money in not only fixing up the existing small dwelling unit, but putting an addition which increased the living space for the dwelling and he brought the entire dwelling up to current code as far as building, plumbing and electrical requirements.

Mr. Khan made these improvements without taking advantage of the Housing Assistance loans programs which are to benefit low-income tenants or owners. For his efforts in making drastic improvements in what can be considered a distressed area, Mr. Khan has been selected to receive the Community Improvement Award for September of 1999.

FUNDING: None

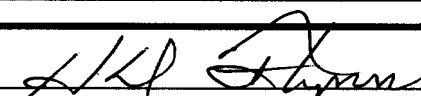
  
for Konrad Bartlam  
Community Development Director

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Mohammed R. & Ishrat B. Khan

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

  
H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager